

The Unemployment rate in Guam for March 2011 was 13.3 percent, an increase of 4.0 percentage points from the September 2009 figure of 9.3 percent and an increase of 5.0 percentage points from the September 2007 figure of 8.3 percent.

The total number of persons unemployed in March 2011 was 9,970, an increase of 3,460 from the most recent previous survey of September 2009, in which 6,510 were unemployed.

While the unemployment rate went up reflecting an increased number of persons unemployed, the number of persons employed over the latest period shows an increase from 63,800 to 64,970. Guam's population covered by the survey, 16 years of age and over, has been steadily growing. It increased from an estimated 114,000 in September 2009 to 119,720 in March 2011. The increased civilian population and labor force has resulted in a combination of increased numbers of people in the Employed, Unemployed and Not in the Labor Force categories. The number of persons not in the labor force increased by 1,090 from 43,680 in September 2009 to 44,770 in March 2011. For the March 2011 survey period, 9,320 persons in the Not in the Labor Force category indicated they wanted a job but did not look for work for a variety of reasons.

Comparisons of the September 2009 to March 2011 periods show that the unemployment rate generally increased between 2.0 to 10.0 percent for nearly all categories, except for Veterans, which showed a decrease from 9.0 percent to 7.3 percent.

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